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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal Attorney Docket No. : 501082.10 (98-0616.09)  
Serial No. : 09/652,714 Group Art Unit : 2815  
Filed : August 31, 2000 Examiner : Jose R. Diaz  
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Box RCE  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Submission previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 27, 2003.
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii.  Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- b.  Submission enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

Postcard  
 Check  
 Fee Transmittal Sheet  
 Petition

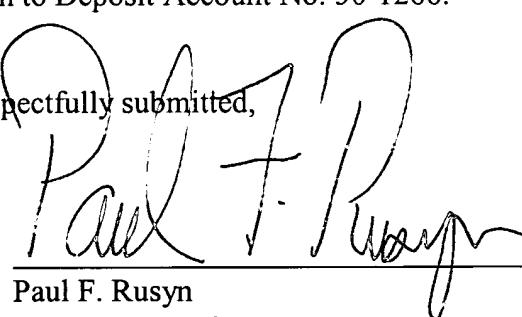
**4. Deposit Account**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Date: 17 March 03

Respectfully submitted,

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET  
(FOR FY 2003)**

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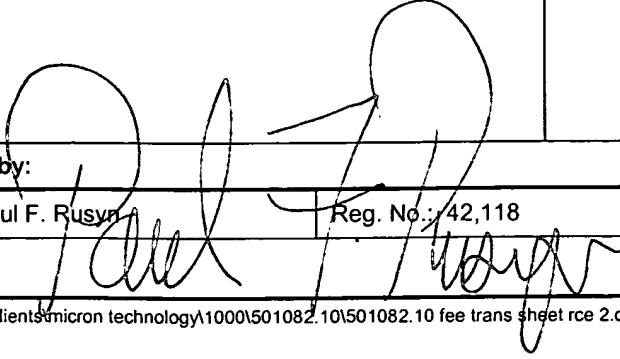
METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)		FEE CALCULATION (Continued)					
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP		3. ADDITIONAL FEES					
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed		Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description		Fee paid	
		Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
		105	130	205	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath	
		127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
		147	2,520	147	2,520	For Filing a Request for Reexamination	
		195	300	196	300	Publication (early or Republication)	
		115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
		116	410	216	205	Extension for reply within 2 <sup>nd</sup> month	
		117	930	217	465	Extension for reply within 3 <sup>rd</sup> month	
		118	1,450	218	725	Extension for reply within 4 <sup>th</sup> month	
		128	1,970	280	985	Extension for reply within 5 <sup>th</sup> month	
		120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		121	280	270	140	Request for oral hearing	
		148	110	248	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	
		140	110	240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
		141	1,300	241	650	Petition to revive – unintentional	
		142	1,300	242	650	Utility/Reissue issue fee (+ advance copies)	
		143	470	243	235	Design issue fee (+ advance copies)	
		122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
		123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
		126	180	126	180	Submission of IDS	
		581	40	81	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
		179	750	279	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
		Other fee (specify)					
						<b>Subtotal (3)</b>	<b>\$860</b>
						<b>Total Amount of Payment:</b>	
						<b>\$860</b>	

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